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Title: INHIBITION OF HEPATITIS B REPLICATION

The prior application is assigned of record to The General Hospital Corporation, a Massachusetts corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on December 4, 1996 at 8278/0696.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	28
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Enclosures:

- Copies of Notice of References Cited by Examiner, 3 pages, which were filed in the parent application. Please enter these in this application.
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application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.

- Copy of Petition for Extension of Time filed in Parent Application.
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This application is entitled to small entity status.

This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/372,548, filed August 11, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/667,073, filed June 20, 1996, now abandoned, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional application serial no. 60/017,814, filed June 20, 1995. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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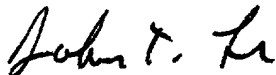
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